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RABAT FOR RSO

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SUBJECT: SECURITY THREAT TO EMBASSY ALGIERS

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1. LOCAL POLICE CONTINUE PROVIDE INCREASED SECURITY IN FRONT OF CHANCERY/RESIDENCE ENTRANCES. ORIGINAL FORCE OF 20-25 MEN HAS BEEN REDUCED HOWEVER TO A 3-4 UNIT ON A 24-HOUR BASIS. TWO REQUESTS TO FORMIN FOR ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FOR CHARGE'S RESIDENCE HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULFILLED.

2. EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED BRIEFING TO ALL AMERICAN STAFF COVERING EXTENT OF THREAT. INCREASED VIGILANCE OF RESIDENCE, (GATES, DOORS, SECURITY LOCKS) AND PERSONAL (VARYING ROUTES OF TRAVEL, ETC.) SECURITY HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED. INTERNAL DEFENSE PLAN HAS BEEN REHEARSED, INCLUDING DISTRUBITION AND INSTRUCTIONS ON GAS MASKS, TEAR GAS (WHICH OUTDATED 1964) AND HELMETS. A WALK-THROUGH OF CHANCERY SECURITY DRILL HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT, INCLUDING BRIEFINGS COVERING BUILDING EMERGENCY EXITS AND EVACUATION PROCEDURES.

3. FRONT GATE TO CHANCERY HAS BEEN SECURED AND VEHICLES ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED ACCESS. ALL EMBASSY AND OFFICIAL
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VEHICLES PARKED EITHER IN RESIDENCE DRIVEWAY OR ACROSS

STREET AT OUED EL KILAI. VISITORS TO EMBASSY ARE PRESENTLY
BEING SCREENED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS
WHO ARE INSPECTING ALL PARCELS AND BRIEFCASES.

4. DURING DISCUSSION WITH POLICE BRIGADIER COMMANDING
NIGHT UNIT EVENING 5 FEB. HE MADE POINT REPEATEDLY AND
VOCIFEROUSLY TO CHARGE THAT HE HAD "SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS"
FROM HIGHEST AUTHORITY TO GUARANTEE EMBASSY SECURITY;
HIS BEHAVIOR AND CONVERSATION LEFT NO DOUBT HE INTENDED
TO CARRY OUT MANDATE. LYBE

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